

A musical instrument, comprising:

a string having a first end and a second end;

a tailpiece for securing the first end of the string; and

a head remote from the tailpiece for securing the second end,

comprising:

an anchor connected with the second end; and an arm for pivoting the anchor about an axis transverse the axis of the string;

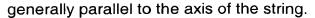
wherein pivoting the anchor in a first direction increases the tension in the string.

- 2. The musical instrument of claim 1 comprising a lock to impede pivoting the arm in a second direction.
- The musical instrument of claim 2 wherein the lock comprises a
 plurality of spaced-apart stops to impede pivoting the arm in a second
 direction.
- 4. The musical instrument of claim 2 wherein the lock allows pivoting of the arm in the first direction while impeding pivoting of the arm in the second direction.
- 5. The musical instrument of claim 1 wherein the lock comprises a plurality of teeth formed on the arm that cooperate with a plurality of teeth formed on the head.
- 6. The musical instrument of claim 1 wherein the head comprises a tuner for varying the tension in the string while the arm is in a fixed location.

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- 7. The musical instrument of claim 6 wherein the tuner comprises a thumbscrew.
- 8. The musical instrument of claim 6 wherein the tuner comprises a continuously variable element for continuously varying the tension in the string.
- 9. The musical instrument of claim 6 wherein the tuner adjusts the position of the anchor.
- 10. The musical instrument of claim 1 comprising a nut and a bridge, wherein the bridge forms a first critical point for the string and the nut comprises a second critical point, wherein the anchor is adjacent the nut.
- 11. The musical instrument of claim 10 wherein the anchor is closer to the nut than the pivot axis of the arm.
- 12. A stringed musical instrument, comprising:
 - a string having a first end and a second end;
 - a bridge element adjacent the first end of the string;
 - an anchor securing the second end of the string remote from the bridge element;
 - a tensioner operable to displace the anchor in a direction generally parallel to the axis of the string to tension the string.
- 13. The stringed instrument of claim 12 wherein the tensioner comprises a lever pivotable about a pivot axis disposed transverse the string.
- 14. The stringed instrument of claim 13 wherein the lever is disposed



- 15. The stringed instrument of claim 12 comprising a lock for impeding displacement of the tensioner in a first direction.
- 16. The stringed instrument of claim 12 comprising a tuner adjacent the tensioner for varying the tension in the string to tune the string.
- 17. The stringed instrument of claim 16 wherein the tuner comprises a thumbscrew.
- 18. The stringed instrument of claim 16 wherein the tuner comprises a continuously variable element for continuously varying the tension in the string to tune the string.
- 19. The musical instrument of claim 12 wherein the anchor comprises a set screw.
- 20. The musical instrument of claim 13 wherein the lever is an L-shaped lever.